

# Selected BLS Economic Indicators



## Hagerstown-Martinsburg

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Maryland, West Virginia, Hagerstown-Martinsburg Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes, or inflation, for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes, or inflation, of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The earnings data are from the **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)**.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	April 2006	April 2007	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</b>			
U.S. City Average	201.5	206.686	2.6
South	194.7	199.618	2.5
South (size class B/C)*	124.1	127.000	2.3
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers (CPI-W)</b>			
U.S. City Average	197.2	202.130	2.5
South	192.1	196.730	2.4
South (size class B/C)*	122.9	125.598	2.2
<b>Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)</b>	<b>April 2006</b>	<b>April 2007</b>	<b>Percent change</b>
Finished goods	160.7	165.8	3.2
All commodities	164.3	171.2	4.2
Industrial commodities	168.8	173.7	2.9

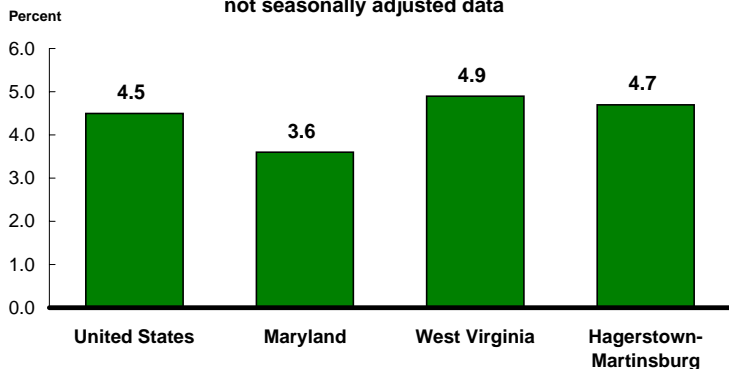
\*Southern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100)  
Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

### Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,255.0	6,913.0	-342.0	-4.7
Maryland	110.8	108.7	-2.1	-1.9
West Virginia	40.4	39.7	-0.7	-1.8
Hagerstown-Martinsburg	5.3	5.8	0.4	8.0

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Unemployment rates,  
March 2007  
not seasonally adjusted data



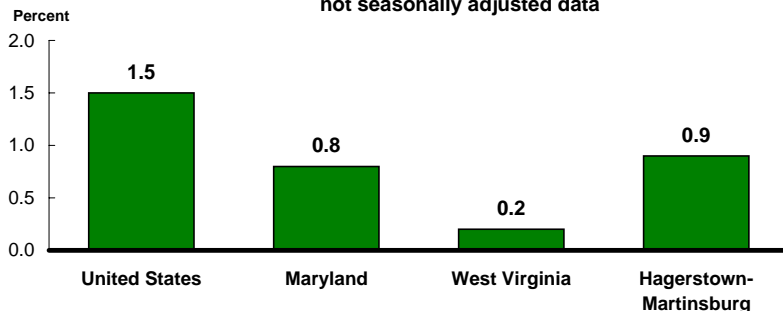
Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	1st Qtr. 2006	1st Qtr. 2007	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers</b>			
United States	100.8	104.0	3.2
South	101.0	104.3	3.3
South Atlantic	101.2	104.9	3.7
<b>Occupational Wages Selected Occupations</b>	<b>Mean Hourly Earnings May 2005</b>		
<b>Hagerstown-Martinsburg</b>			
All Occupations	\$15.73		
Education, training, and library	18.64		
Office and administrative support	13.22		
Construction and extraction	15.82		
Sales and related	12.97		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	26.77		
Food preparation and serving related	7.95		
Production	14.71		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	17.05		
Transportation and material moving	13.61		

### Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2006	March 2007	Net change	Percent change
United States	134,868.0	136,835.0	1,967.0	1.5
Maryland	2,566.9	2,586.7	19.8	0.8
West Virginia	750.4	751.9	1.5	0.2
Hagerstown-Martinsburg	102.0	102.9	0.9	0.9

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Percent change in nonfarm employment,  
March 2006-March 2007  
not seasonally adjusted data



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**The Hagerstown-Martinsburg, Md.- W. Va. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** includes Washington County in Maryland and Berkeley and Morgan Counties in West Virginia.